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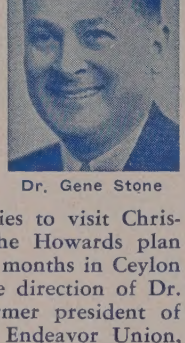
The General Secretary

Practicing World Friendship

Concerned about fellow Christian Endeavorers in the flood-stricken areas of Holland, the Philadelphia Union at its recent convention took a special offering which amounted to $122. This was forwarded to leaders in the Netherlands with the prayers and good wishes of the youth from the Quaker City.



Dr. Gene Stone

To aid in the World Friendship Crusade Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, will sail from New York May 28 on a tour that will take them to many countries to visit Christian Endeavorers. The Howards plan to spend a number of months in Ceylon doing work under the direction of Dr. James S. Mather, former president of the Ceylon Christian Endeavor Union, who made a trip to America last summer.

May Carter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will fly from San Francisco May 8 on a round-the-world tour. Miss Carter, who for a number of years has been active in work in the Philadelphia area, expects to visit Christian Endeavorers in New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Australia, India, Italy, and England. She was a delegate to the Pacific Area Conference in Honolulu.

Dr. Poling Tours The World

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, is visiting many Christian Endeavorers on a tour of the world.

Hawaiian Christian Endeavorers honored Dr. Poling at a dinner in Honolulu. He held conferences in Tokyo with leaders who are planning new advances there. In visiting Korea the president of the World's Union saw many missionaries and had opportunity to address thousands of United States troops. He has also met with chaplains and was the guest of the Chiangs on Formosa. It was his privilege to preach at a very large Easter sunrise service in Tokyo.

In connection with the World Friendship Crusade Dr. Poling expects to meet with Christian Endeavor people in the Philippines, Burma, India, Lebanon, Italy, and Germany before returning to the United States about the middle of May.

General H. G. Mathewson Dies

Our sympathy goes to H. Lewis Mathewson, a member of the Executive Committee, whose father, Brigadier-General Henry G. Mathewson, passed away March 21.

General Mathewson was a past president of the Golden Gate Christian Endeavor Union (1902) and a few years prior to that organized the first Christian Endeavor societies in the Philippine Islands when he was stationed there during the Spanish-American War. He participated in the International Christian Endeavor conventions that were held in San Francisco, California, in 1897, 1931, and 1947.

For Your Information

Congratulations are being given to *Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Berkey* on the arrival of Gregg Alan March 30. Cliff was president of the Ohio Union in 1952.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan is the author of an illustrated article, "Films That Build Character," which appears in the May issue of CHURCH MANAGEMENT.

Dr. Poling In Japan

Leaders of Christian Endeavor listen to the President of the World's C.E. Union as he spoke to them in Tokyo April 7. At Dr. Poling's left is Dr. Akira Ebisawa, executive director, Japan Union of Christian Endeavor. Directly across the table from Dr. Poling is Kojiro Hata, a vice-president of the World's Union.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

Winners in the Citizenship Award Contest are shown. They are, left to right, Doris Rigney, who won third honors; Dortha Tillman, recipient of the first award, and Ann S. Fulton, who took second place.

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Dear Mr. Congressman:

Speak For Christian Citizenship

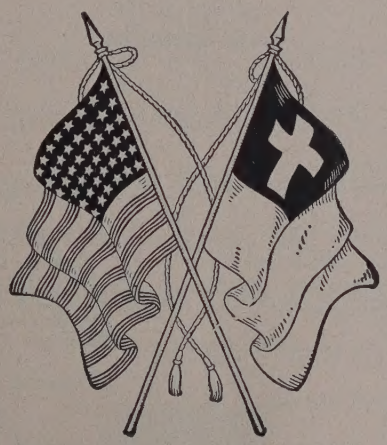
(This letter was written by Dortha Tillman of Denver, Colorado for the Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest. She received the highest award based on this letter and her citizenship activities.)

ear Mr. Congressman:

Yesterday I walked home from work rough streets well known to me, eets similar to any American com- nity. I thought, as I crossed at the rner and turned left, of the Roth- ins who used to live in the second use. That faded brick one there with e broken window and cracked steps. ne Rothsteins were as American as u and I, but there were some who ln't seem to think so. The people o turned angry faces toward the ndows of this house . . . the people o broke the window and tossed bish on the lawn quite by "accident" . the same people who demanded agely, "Who do these Jews think y are, anyway—moving into this ghborhood?" But the Rothsteins are ne now; the Smiths just moved in. . Smith is a local bookie and regu- ly beats up little Mrs. Smith, but y're "Americans."

always have to walk around mmy Jones' tricycle down the block ttle way and I sometimes stop to say lo to Mrs. Jones, busy with the ngest baby and always tired from rwork. What Tommy doesn't know hat his oldest brother, Buddy, is a e addict, barely seventeen and al- dy committed to an institution. eirs was a "normal" family except the teen gangs which used to assem- at their house for parties while the s were out. But then what else there for Buddy and the gang to

walked on—the old familiar street nging back memories of faces and ple who had made their vague im- ssions and wandered on. The white rgian-style house on the corner; -down now but still impressive, can but recall the energetic Mrs. Van- alle. The neighborhood was sur- ed when they moved in and venated the mansion as it came to known. Mrs. Vandersalle, however, d the neighborhood's "uniqueness" "color." There was nothing unique



about the trial though, exposing her undercover activities in peace-loving organizations with communistic leanings.

My walk home is toward the setting sun and as I watched shadows lengthen and the night approach silently, I wonder what Mary Jane and Buzzy and Sally will be doing this evening. Their families won't want them around and there is "never anything to do" so probably they'll be heading for the bright lights for a joy ride in a hopped-up convertible or hanging around the drug store to see what they can pick up. They're average, they're normal citizens of this great country of ours. Not very good citizens, though, and certainly not contributing to any greatness in our country.

What is it? Why do the Joneses and the Smiths run into the snags of life and end up on the fringe or in the gutter? Then I glanced across the street to see the spire of the church standing out against the darkening sky. And in the shadow of the church stands a modest, white shingled house with a cheery flower pot in the window. I knew the Nelsons, too. In the neighborhood they had seemed to prove of a better way. They had their troubles too, with Mr. Nelson in a wheelchair and Susie Nelson having to work. But they had their part here, too. They were the ones who organized the canteen on Friday nights at the church. And made it work—when others said it couldn't go over. Mr. and Mrs. White are friends of the Nelsons who shared in this Friday night venture and who started around that petition on liquor licenses which eventually got into the legislature. Mrs. White was just as busy as the other women in the neighborhood, but she took the time to fight day and night against discrimination when that little Chinese-American girl appeared in Sunday School.

Thinking back, Mr. Congressman, it seems to me that the Nelsons and the Whites have given something to my neighborhood. The same something Christ gave to a sin-weary world so many years ago. They have become citizens in the true sense of the word—because of their belief in Christ and His way. These problems in my community, which come from poor citizenship, have most effectively been solved and combined not by politics and projects but by the influence of the Church on the corner and the people who attend there. Truly Christian citizenship is "love your neighbor as thyself" in its fullest expression.

As I stand looking up at the simple, impressive spire and the stained glass windows of the church, its outlines softening in the oncoming twilight, I can only hope that this community and these homes and families could come to know the renewing vitality of the Christ-like way. If only they could build a better community and a better world by truly knowing Christ in their lives. Yes, then I know that Christian citizenship could extend and include the whole world in perfect fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Dortha Tillman

Citizenship Contest Winners To Be Honored At Convention

Dortha Tillman of Denver, Colorado, Takes Top Honors With Ann S. Fulton, Second and Doris Rigney Third

THE WINNERS

1 ST — $250
Dortha Tillman, Denver, Colorado

2 ND — $150
Ann S. Fulton, Richmond, Virginia

3 RD — $75
Doris Rigney, Nyssa, Oregon

RUNNERS-UP IN FINALS — $50

Elsie Roberta Cook, Apache, Oklahoma
Randall Griffith, Hillsboro, Ohio
Ronald Nickerson, East Boston, Massachusetts
Barbara L. Smyrl, Mount Holly, New Jersey
Dorothy M. Veley, Winfield, Kansas

RUNNERS-UP IN REGIONS — $25

Bobby Botkin, Tampa, Florida
Richard Ellerbrake, Elmhurst, Illinois
Fern Ella Ensminger, Dallas, Texas
Herman Harmelink III, Pella, Iowa
Margaret E. Howland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sharon Lighty, San Francisco, California

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES
To be presented to all state winners

Dortha Tillman of Denver, Colorado, has been announced as the winner of the second annual Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Second honors go to Ann S. Fulton of Richmond, Virginia, with Doris Rigney of Nyssa, Oregon, taking the third award.

Great interest was shown in the contest which was conducted as a part of the continuing Christian Citizenship Crusade of the International Society.

All winners in the contest will be honored at the Citizenship Night to be held in connection with the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, Thursday, June 25. Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland will give the address for that occasion.

Judges in the finals were Rev. Jerry A. Moore, pastor, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington D. C.; Dr. Roy Schreiner, editor, THE CHURCH ADVOCATE, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Hon. John C. Miller of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, member of the Senate of the legislature of Pennsylvania.

Winners in the contest were selected on the basis of "A Letter to My Congressman" not exceeding one thousand words on the theme "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a record of their citizenship activities. State winners were determined after which a top winner was selected in each region. Winners in the eight regions competed for the final honors. The first award carries with it a prize of $250 in cash. Second place winner receives $150 in cash and the third winner $75. The other five contestants in the finals will receive $50 each.

In the first contest held last year two top winners were selected in the United States, a boy and a girl, and a winner in Canada. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., and Maxine E. Bond were the winners in the United States and Glen R. Strome in Canada.

The first prize winner, Dortha Tillman, is 19 years old and is former president of Denver C. E. Union. She is a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church and graduated last y from North High School. At the pres time she is working for the Veter Administration in Denver. Dorth plans are to enter Whitworth College Spokane, Washington, in Septemb She wishes to enter the religious jo nalism field because she believes th is a need in our modern world Christ-centered reading material. is active on the committee that is p paring to entertain the Internatio Convention in the Capital City of lorado June 22-27.

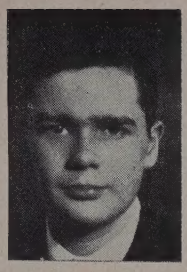
Ann S. Fulton, who won second h ors in the contest, is 18 years old an senior high school student in Richmo Virginia. She is president of the Ch tian Endeavor society of the Overbr Presbyterian Church and teaches in Sunday School.

The winner of third place hon Doris Rigney, is a member of the N Church of Christ and is senior in Nyssa High School. She is 17 year age. Doris has been responsible for ganizing an interdenominational yo program of Protestant churches Nyssa.

Build With Christ Through Christian Citizenship

Elsie Cook
Oklahoma
Southwestern Region

Randall Griffith
Ohio
Great Lakes Region



Ronald Nickerson
Massachusetts
North Atlantic Region

Barbara L. Smyrl
New Jersey
Middle Atlantic Region

Dorothy M. Veley
Kansas
Central Region

Runners-up in National Finals

(Pictures of first three winners appear on cover)

Young People Receive Honors For Endeavors In Christian Citizenship

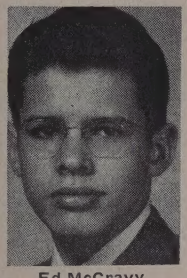
Winners in States

nn Meriwether
Alabama

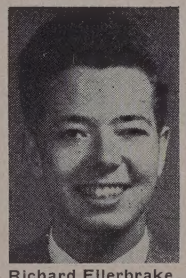
Sharon Lighty
California

rgaret W. Neff
District of Columbia

Bobby Botkin
Florida



Ed McCravy
Georgia



Richard Ellerbrake
Illinois

Carol J. Buchanan
Indiana

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Iowa

Patricia McGuire
Kentucky

Dorothy B. Jones
Maryland

N. VanderWerf
Michigan

Bess Ann Gamm
Missouri

rie Liebsack
Nebraska

Margaret Howland
Pennsylvania

Fern E. Ensminger
Texas

Betty L. Holliday
West Virginia

Margie McMahon
Wisconsin

President Ernest R. Bryan Says . . .

We Advance - Unitedly

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR is much the same in all parts of the world. In Germany, for example, the current emphasis is on Bible study. In Lebanon, they are concentrating on putting out good Christian literature throughout the Near East and on sending out evangelistic teams to remote settlements. In India they are concerned about setting up new societies and about giving help and encouragement to the isolated groups. In Japan, the strong emphasis is being placed on leadership training and the recruiting of full-time workers for the church. All of these and similar special efforts in other countries add up to Christian Endeavor's long-time objectives of confession of Christ, loyalty to Christ's church, service for Christ, and fellowship with Christ's people. They add up to training and action in the Christian cause.

It's a united effort—on all fronts. The direction is forward. We have a unique mission because our movement is international, interracial and interdenominationa unites a host of young people and their leaders in stren ening the forces of Christianity at a critical time.

Specifically, the International Society is launchi United Advance. Area No. 1 of the World's Christia deavor Union and many of the state unions are act participating. This Advance means forward steps in viding buildings, citizenship and evangelistic progr personnel for extension and life-work recruit emphase means funds translated into the means for achieving and larger objectives. It means working more closel gether all along the line and all around the world i furtherance of our long-time objectives plus some ones. It's a sharing process. We share the opportun of raising $112,000 and the responsibilities of the enla program that this sum will make possible. It means work, more prayer, and more results for the Kingdo Christ!

Members Of "The Advance Guard"

Leaders on a special "Advance Guard" Committee who are aiding in the new forward program and campaign of Christian Endeavor include the following:

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ENDEAVORERS AND FRIENDS
WISHING TO SHARE IN
THE ADVANCE
PLEASE TURN TO BACK COVER

BREAK GROUND—Dr. Ernest R. Bryan turns the first spadeful of dirt for new C.E. Headquarters in Columbus. Watching Dr. Bryan are (left to right) John J. Burgbacher, Leslie D. Harrison, Fayne F. Freshwater, Mrs. Leola Nicholson, Harold E. Westerhoff, Eleanor Jones, Dr. Gene Stone, Jimmy Vogt, Mrs. Gene Stone, Mrs. Leah Vandersall, Judy Vogt, and Phyllis I. Rike.

Photo by Charles Stokes

Work Begins On New "Capitol"

. . . *Initial Step in United Advance Campaign*

Foundations for Christian Endeavor's w Headquarters building have been d.

This marks the important first step the United Advance of the Christian deavor Movement.

Officially the campaign to secure a nd of $112,000 to bring about a for- rd march on many fronts will be nched May 15.

These expansion efforts take in the ction of the structure for the World's ion and International Society Head- arters in Columbus, aid to the India ion for a new building, help to eral national units in financing ex- nsion programs, and also aid for izenship, evangelistic, and education- programs in North America.

air Heads Committee

Allan J. Blair, former president of w Jersey Christian Endeavor Union l a member of the International Exe- ive Committee, is chairman of the ited Advance.

Already with the sale of the Christian Endeavor Headquarters at 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus, and the advance gifts of friends nearly half of the $112,000 has been secured. Many Christian Endeavorers and their friends and society units will be helping in the erection of the new building and the Advance by the contributions of "bricks."

The announcement of the campaign and the forward - looking plans has brought enthusiastic comments from Christian Endeavor leaders throughout the world.

Dr. Bryan Turns The Sod

The ground breaking for the Headquarters in Columbus, which will be located on the plot of ground adjacent to the Headquarters now at 1201 East Broad Street, took place on March 28. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, turned the first spadeful of dirt. Fayne F. Freshwater, architect; Leslie Harrison, engineer; and John J. Burgbacher, general contractor, were among those who helped in breaking the ground.

Footings for the beautiful two-story structure have been set and the steel structural work will soon be placed. It is expected that occupancy can take place September 1.

The special committee on Headquarters property which has spent much time in study and planning is composed of Carroll M. Wright, chairman, Allan J. Blair, Julian Moran, and Joseph H. Jones.

Christian Endeavor's main offices have been in Columbus, Ohio, since October, 1946, when they were moved from Boston, Mass. The reason for coming to the Buckeye State was because of the central location.

Official dedication of the new structure is expected to take place during the time of the meetings of the Program Council of International Society and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference the first week of December.

BULLDOZER CLEARS THE WAY

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, is shown at the controls of an earth-moving machine which help prepare for the foundation work on the new headquarters structure being built in Columbus, Ohio.

Photo by Charles Stokes

Wisconsin And Ontario Lead In Registration Campaign

Golden Rule and Kentucky Win Honors for March in Contest for Convention in Denver, June 22-27

Competition is lively in the registration contest for the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27.

Golden Rule Union of Washington, D. C., and Kentucky took honors in their respective divisions for having the highest percentage of increase for the second report period ending March 31. Wisconsin and Ontario are leading the divisions for the total contest.

In Division A Wisconsin is on top with the highest total percentage of minimum goals secured. Wisconsin remained there even though Golden Rule took the March prize due to the previous high number of registrations secured. Pennsylvania is second highest for the total contest in Division A. Following Golden Rule for the greatest increase in registration during March was Illinois and Virginia.

Laurels for the greatest increase in Division B for March went to Kentucky with Ontario a close second. Ontario has now taken the lead for the entire campaign edging ahead of North Carolina who held top spot at the end of February.

The contest officially ends May 31. Awards are being made to state and local unions, societies, and individuals for the securing of registrations. Until May 31 the registrations are $3.00, after that they are $4.00.

Christina E. MacAskill

Amy Deck Faust

Authors of Program Guides . . .

The annual editions of "Program Guides for a Christian Endeavor Society" will be off the press in a few weeks. Miss MacAskill, former executive secretary of Massachusetts Union, wrote the Intermediate edition and Mrs. Faust the Senior-Young People's. Mrs. Faust for a number of years was superintendent of radio and television for the Pennsylvania Union.

Margaret Wood, who has held many offices in the Denver and Colorado Christian Endeavor Unions, is the executive secretary of the Denver Committee that is planning for the coming International Convention.

Registrars

Registrars of state and provincial unions for the convention include the following:

Alabama — Mrs. Peggy Mangum.
District of Columbia — Martha Fowkes.
Illinois — Cora Elder.
Kansas — J. B. Shelton.
Indiana — W. Ray Myer.
Kentucky — Mrs. Elizabeth Glenn.
Maryland — Marguerite Dicus.
Michigan — Emmalou Freer.
Missouri — Betty Wilson and Leah Lincoln.
Nebraska — Mrs. Florence Leger.
New Jersey — Bessie Kater.
North Carolina — Alta Ruth Kirkman.
Ohio — James Buckley.
Oregon — Dorothy Howes.
Pennslyvania — Bernice Harnish.
Texas — Wanda M. Adair.
Virginia — Mrs. Frank P. Wilson.
West Virginia — Mrs. Norval Newlan.
Wisconsin — Erna Besitzky.
Ontario — Mary Campbell.

Posters Available

Leaflets and posters giving details of the convention in Denver are available. Those who have not obtained them through local unions may secure them from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

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ALL ABOARD!

The last call for joining the Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour will soon be given.

J. Allen Tucker is conductor for the all-expense International tour to be held in connection with the convention in Denver. The group will leave Philadelphia, Pa., June 19 and return there July 6. Individuals may join the party at many places. Included in the places to be visited are Rocky Mountain National Park, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone National Park.

For detailed information write to J. Allen Tucker, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pa., or Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street Columbus 5, Ohio.

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

May
1-3—Middle Atlantic Region, Atlantic City, New Jersey
15-17—Indiana, Indianapolis

June
5-6—Kentucky, Mammoth Cave
5-7—Kansas, Blue Mound
9-12—West Virginia, Clarksburg
11-14—Ohio, Westerville
18-21—Michigan, Zeeland
19-21—Texas, Weslaco
22-27—International Convention, Denver, Colorado
22-28—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
25-28—California, Fullerton
26-July 3—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)

July
2-5—New York, Rochester
13-18—Washington (Leadership Conference)
19-25—New York, Stony Brook, Long Island (Summer Assembly)
20-25—Virginia, Massanetta Springs
22-26—North Carolina, Blue Ridge

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS
The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for JUNE

June 7. **A Leader Works with Others** Exodus 17:8-12; Neh. 4
June 14. **A Leader Uses His Talents** Matt. 25:14
June 21. **A Leader Finishes His Job** Zech. 4:9; John 4
June 28. **Summer Hymns of Praise.** Psalm 65:13; Psalm

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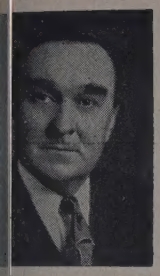

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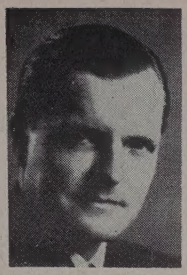

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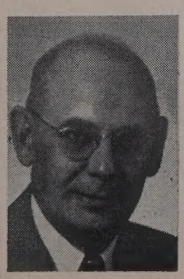

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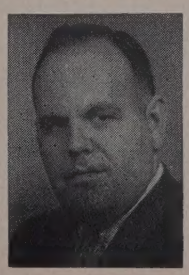

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Young Adult Workshop...

Look What's In The Newspaper!

By Bert H. Davis

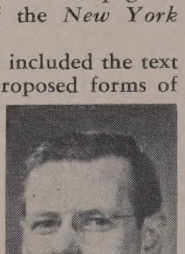
MAMARONECK, N. Y. — Clergymen and merchants of this village of 16,000 arranged today for the printing of Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant prayers on the menus of 30 restaurants so patrons might ask for divine blessing while waiting for food.

Pending the printing of new menus, the Chamber of Commerce will distribute small cards to be placed on tables to lunch rooms, grills and taverns in addition to more fashionable eating places.

The prayers were written by clergymen of each faith. It was suggested that diners could read the prayers of their choice silently if they did not care to speak them softly.

THESE lines are quoted from a half-column article under a two-column headline. The wholesome and inspiring news story was used on the first page of the second section of the *New York Times* during March.

The complete article included the text of each of the three proposed forms of grace before meat. Like every other well written dispatch, it included names and several other details — and also included a rector's remark that the idea seemed quite likely to appeal to people in communities far away from his Westchester County village.



Bert H. Davis

Look at such a story from two viewpoints:

Church people found an effective way in the Lenten season to emphasize the value and naturalness of the spirit of worship carried into the ordinary acts of daily life.

A newsman appreciated the inspiring and interesting character of such an activity and a great metropolitan newspaper gave it space and position.

I chose this story as an example of effective wholesomeness and helpfulness in print because it stands for three elements in connection with the newspaper as one of the media for communicating ideas.

Religious ideas have news value —

IF they are accurately and promptly revealed to news-gatherers, and —

IF newspapers keep themselves alert, as does the world-famous *Times*, to the eager reception of such news stories by a host of their readers.

Some readers of this page will say, "That is all to the good, if you have access to newspapers of the grade of the *Times*, whether as voluntary publicity workers or as readers." They will be convinced, and I fear without proper proof, that the paper they know best will shy away from such copy or will bury it in a back page of the edition.

A leader of other years in Christian Endeavor used to tell the doubters how he sent story after story of Christian Endeavor events to the big Chicago dailies, week by week, month by month, and never saw one in print. Then a day came when one of his news stories was printed. Fortunately, the editor received some notes of approval from young people and ministers. Before too long, Christian Endeavor releases were being used with a fair amount of regularity. The ice had been broken, but it took lots of time and effort—along with careful study of copy that newspapers use, a care that the skilled editor will recognize and appreciate.

For five years I contributed a weekly column of copy called "Religion on the March" to five daily papers in New York State and one in Illinois. The material dealt in human interest terms with encouraging developments and worthwhile events in the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. I was paid for this material (after an initial try-out of the feature in one paper of the Gannett chain) and promptly plowed back the income into improving my news coverage — which meant subscribing to numerous religious magazines of the three types of faith, using long-distance calls to follow news leads and verify details. meeting the expense of corresponding with many key leaders in religious work and some travel.

Similar ideas have been tried by others who know that the churches have a story to tell and a ready and waiting audience of readers for news about their activities.

If Young Adults want the stimulation of contributing regularly to the daily or weekly press, there is a non-copyrighted idea for you to explore.

A group of Young Adults might well be able to handle such a service far more expertly and painlessly than any one writer. You will need some who will read a variety of periodicals in the religious field, in order to locate the actual stories or the most likely places in which to seek stories. Some of the co-workers will arrange to receive news releases issued by denominations and by organizations which work closely with the churches. When you seek a place in the mailing lists, write an explanatory letter to convey why you are interested, w your group is doing. In my experience, will find co-operation and answers to questions all along the line, and among the faiths.

Of great importance is your contact an editor willing to consider your peri news feature. Those among you who h a flair for putting down words in an in esting, accurate and newsy manner sh carry on a little competition in prepara of proposed stories. Let the co-opera editor serve as judge of the different tempts, and rely on his judgment when you can get it, his explanation of this news account will be more suitabl publication than that.

You will probably find it best to divi weekly or bi-weekly feature of, say, words into one story of perhaps 350 t words, and from two to four shorter pi Remember to write with a lively style using clear, easily understood sente Get names into the stories. Put som your copy into "quotes"—that is, let S Smith or the Rev. Thomas Brown spea these lines in his or her usual style of versation.

Do some interviewing. If someon your community eats presently at a Ma roneck restaurant, sees the forms of g before meat on the menu card, talks br with a waiter or the cashier about th terest diners take in this innovation— there is the story of religion in the di room in LOCALIZED form, to be repo as a conversation is, and with the poss ity of being the most quoted item app ing in that edition! That is only an ex ple of giving as direct and personal an pact as possible to everything you produce for a religious "colyum."

If the idea of such participatio news-gathering and writing isn't your group, an alternative is to along the proposal for others to try the articles begin to appear, you benefit along with other readers this addition to the news fare off your community.

If we of the churches do little or ing to contribute to religious cove we should not criticize the editors find little attention paid to relig happenings in the daily and we editions.

SUGGESTED PRAYER BEFORE DINING

A Protestant grace, one of three suggested in Mamaron N. Y., and reprinted in the "N York Times," is as follows:

"Bless, O Lord, this food to use and us to Thy service, and m us ever mindful of the needs others. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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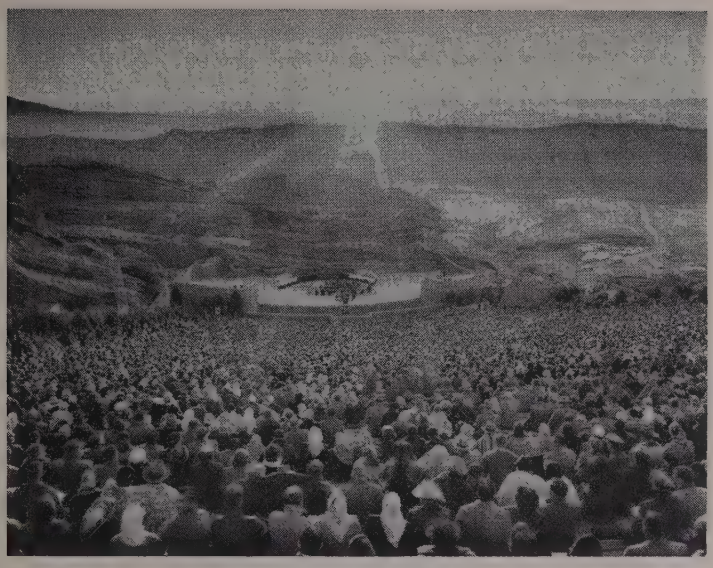

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Together, Yet Not Together

Mark 10: 2-9

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today is the day set apart for the monthly Consecration meeting of each Christian Endeavor society. Take some time during the meeting, preferably at the close, to give proper emphasis to it. Each member should, when the roll is called, respond with at least a verse of Scripture. Then read the Christian Endeavor membership pledge aloud together, making this a time of dedication to the purposes and will of Christ. There are also many ways in which it can be varied. Regardless of the way it is done, the important thing is to do it.

The topics this month are very practical ones and directly relate themselves to the problems of Christian living. They concern several important matters, some of which must be faced almost daily. Today's topic is "Together, Yet Not Together," and deals with the matter of choosing a mate. To build for future happiness it is essential that careful planning and thinking be done now. Gather together all the materials you can on the matter of dating, courtship, marriage, etc. This can be in the form of pictures, books, leaflets, posters, or other form of exhibit. Procure booklets on the problem of mixed marriages. There are many available from denominational or other publishing houses. One good one, selling for five cents, is "If I Marry A Roman Catholic," published by the National Council of Churches, New York City. Pass out all such materials possible that they may be read at leisure and then discussed further at a later date. Let this meeting be the spark to begin a great consideration of this important matter to Christian youth. Let it not end here.

THINK IT OVER

1. How can a husband and wife be "Together, yet not together?"
2. What is a happy home? What is a Christian home?
3. Name the requirements for "togetherness" in a home.
4. What are the dangers in a marriage of mixed religion? Be specific.
5. How can such mis-marriages be avoided?
6. How can youth and the church today combat this evil?
7. What other elements divide homes, and bring unhappiness?
8. How can we "fall in love intelligently?"
9. Should the church teach more frankly the dangers of mixed marriage?

The Aim of The Topic

To help Christian young people set standards for the choosing of a mate.

Start Where We Are Today

The time to begin choosing a mate is right now. But hang on to your seats, that doesn't mean that marriage, engagement, or even "going steady" are necessarily at all near! It means that we should begin to prepare *to be able* to choose wisely when the time comes. This is done by obtaining adequate information, by observing situations all around us today, and by beginning to intelligently evaluate Christian marriage. We begin today, whether we realize it or not, to establish the standards that will make for a Christ-centered home of great happiness and contentment, or an ego-centered home of selfishness and misery. The bridal march may not sound for five, ten, or twenty years, but the process begins *in the mind* of the intelligent young person TODAY.

"Falling in love intelligently" is the way Dr. Edwin Dahlberg describes this process. It involves setting high and proper standards for marriage and marriage partners. It means associating always with those with whom you can "safely" fall in love. This requires careful choosing of friends. One's own church is the best source. It requires self-discipline in holding consistently to the standards that have been accepted as minimum. It means "Look before you leap." Yes, certainly one must use his head as well as his heart in falling in love. Otherwise, marriage mates can forever be "Together, yet not together."

There Are Many Problems

A life mate is one of the most important of possessions. To share most of the experiences of life, and to have to live close together until death demands separation, is a serious matter. Certainly it calls for more than the moonglow in a pair of beautiful eyes, or a cute dimple, or the possession of a car, or of money, or of any of the shallow standards set by thoughtless youth today. The mature and really smart young person thinks beyond these things. Marriage brings great joy but it must be relatively free of the problems that can so easily destroy it.

These problems are not too numerous but are extremely important. Among them are the matters of moral standards. If one does not wish to spend his life with a drunkard, or a narcotic addict, or a crude ignoramus, one should not date those who are thus today. If one holds faithfulness to marriage vows to be important let him look well to the honor and fidelity of today's "heart throb." It is well to look at the family of the boy friend or girl friend, also. To assure the greatest happiness there should be a great degree of alikeness in these matters: te perament and disposition, mental and ph cal health, education, social level, inter and abilities, physical appearance, religi faith and practice, reputation and charac

One of the greatest and most profou problems is that of religion. Deep-sea forces stemming from one's religious fa operate in every life and exert great in ence. The lack of faith or religious teach brings equal pressure to bear. If a you person desires a full measure of happines marriage, desires the kind of a home wh love and trust can flourish he must shar with one of his own religious faith. Thi a must! Marriage between Protestants Roman Catholics is one of the greatest pr lems. It simply does not work. The r glasses of puppy love cause the weak minded ones to say, "Oh, as long as we l each other, we can work it out. We'll along with our differences." But this is fore marriage! The almost unanimous d sion afterward is that it doesn't work t way. Religion either unites or definitely vides. Only as a couple share the same ligious faith in the intimate matters of m riage and the raising of children, can t expect understanding and happiness. D fool yourself; you're no different from the others who have made this tragic m take.

Even Protestant couples should share same denomination and church if at all p sible. Tragic difference of opinion flou here if otherwise. And one of the most fortunate mismarriages is between the Ch tian and the scoffer, or unbeliever! Sh this as though it were the plague!

What's The Cost?

If marriage tomorrow is to be a ha experience dating today must be sens The simple use of common sense is all is necessary. Our great Protestant Ch tian heritage is so precious to us that dare not compromise it by sharing life w one who does not believe it or who thinl inferior to his own.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Would I want this person t be the father or mother of m children, the sharer of my whol life?" This is the question t face before continued dating.

From the Holy Bible

M., June 1. Isaac's Wife from His Ow People. Gen. 24
T., June 2. Jacob's Wife from His Ow People. Gen. 28
W., June 3. Jacob's Choice. Gen. 29:1
T., June 4. Mating Commanded for Isr ites. Jer. 29
F., June 5. Christian Marriage Honor Heb.
S., June 6. Danger in Evil Associatio II Cor. 6:1
Sun., June 7. Topic—Together, Yet Not Together. Mark 10

Dear Miss Ineeda Answer

First Topic in a Series on "Our Friends"

Ecclesiastes 12:1-4; Ephesians 5:1-11

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To know ourselves better and thus evaluate our abilities.

2. To note some major decisions we will have to make.

3. To get ideals and values that will last.

A World of Questions

We live in a world of questions. They besiege us on every hand. They hop out from the dark corners of life; they meet us at every turn of the road; they come early and they stay late. After all, why should we not ask questions? Is not God the great Questioner, else where did the inquiring desire come from? When questions arise, we should know that perhaps as Plato suggested: "Truth may be near, prodding our mind to be discovered."

Sooner or later all young people face questions. In the adolescent stage of life your relationship to your home forms one of the major areas of adjustment.

As you know only too well, however, it is not the only area in which you have problems. But it comes close to the top of the list. During recent years, an organization called Science Research Associates (228 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago 4, Illinois) has questioned thousands of young people on what they themselves say their problems are. The top six appear in this order:

1. Problems of growing up physically.
2. Getting along with parents.
3. Succeeding in school.
4. Getting along with other young people.
5. Understanding themselves.
6. Planning for the future.

Difficulties Junior Highs Meet

1. Learning to talk with or to people.
2. Lack of good English.
3. Inferiority complex.
4. Lack of a sense of humor.
5. Shyness.
6. Inability to mix.
7. Self-consciousness.
8. Personal characteristics that annoy others.

Your Personality Proclaims You

You attract to yourself the things you most fervently desire. Your home environment is an externalized expression of your mind. Your outward appearance is a testimony of your personal taste and judgment.

Your face reveals the evidence of your daily thought habits. The tones of your voice reflect your disposition and qualities of heart.

The words you use tell of the kind of books you feed your mind upon. Your choice of friends, amusements, hobbies and pastimes indicates your power of discrimination.

Whether you know it or not, your personality is constantly expressing itself to the discerning world about you.

How Can One Broaden Personality?

1. *Read good books (see list).*
2. *Make friends wherever possible.*
3. *Attend good lectures, Christian Endeavor meetings, church services.*
4. *Cultivate music appreciation and abilities.*
5. *Listen to radio and watch television.*

Books to "Give an Answer"

About Myself, Harner
Planning a Life, Watters
How Personalities Grow, Shacter
Better Ways of Growing Up, Crawford & Woodward
Thinking About Marriage, Burkhart
Teens, How to Meet Your Problems, John & Dorothea Crawford
A Life and a Living, Stock
Winners, Chamberlin
The Future Belongs to You, Burkhart
How to Share Your Spiritual Discoveries, Carruthers
Youth and Creative Living, Maus
He Whom a Dream Hath Possessed, Knox
A Self Worth Having, Chanter
I Believe, Harner
Christian Beliefs for Christian Youth, Howard

Sign Posts to Personality

Someone asks, are you a peach or a potato? What conditions have been at work in your life? Are you reading the sign posts? Two brothers began to take piano lessons. One made rapid progress, the other had little success. After six months the former was able to entertain friends with his playing, but the latter turned from the piano studio to his tools in the shop. Parents agreed that each should seek his satisfaction where he had best chance of finding it, and today the former is a musician and the latter is a cabinet maker.

Two sisters loved books; one enjoyed reading, the other was interested only in the pictures. Today the former is a librarian, and the other is an artist. What are you doing in your leisure time? Do you like to work with things or with people? Do you like mental work or physical work? Do you like clubs, or would you rather be alone? The answers to questions like these will give an idea of the direction your life is taking.

What Desires Possess You?

Is it true that everyone who is an adolescent wants:

To be happy and enjoy himself.

To have a chance to do something which gains him approval and attention and makes him considered of some worth.

To be liked and wanted in social groups.

To have a mate to whom he can express his love in the comradeship of a home.

To have children he may love and care for.

What was the secret of Jesus' confidence? Just what is it about a Christian's trust in God which makes him face tomorrow with confidence?

Your Dreams Make You

Everyone has dreams — you have them, don't you? In our dreams we see ourselves in an ideal state. We picture things as we would like to have them. Many times our dreams come true; in fact, we can make many of our dreams come true if we dream reasonable things and then plan our future activities accordingly.

Who do you want to be twenty years from now?

If you could have what you want, what would you want?

If you had a million dollars to use as you please, for what would you spend it?

What do you want more than anything else in the world?

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. What are our personality ideals?

2. What are our personality difficulties?

3. Why are some people liked and others disliked?

4. What attitude should a person take towards individuals of other types?

5. What can we do about self-consciousness?

6. How can we get along in and with a group?

7. What do I know about my body?

8. How can I make my mind work for me?

9. How can I keep a wholesome, victorious attitude toward life?

10. How can I overcome handicaps and failures?

11. What is the secret of continuous personality growth?

12. What is the role of personal attractiveness in dress and appearance?

13. How can I improve my conversational ability?

14. How can I enjoy cultural outlets such as music, poetry and art?

15. What was the secret of Jesus' confidence and control?

16. How may I sense the "continuous, abiding presence of God" in my life?

Daily Bible Reading

June 1. The Great Decision. Deut. 30:15-19.
June 2. Which Side Shall I Take? Ex. 32:26.
June 3. Whom Shall I Serve? Josh. 24:14-16.
June 4. How Can I Be Truly Great? Matt. 18:1-4.
June 5. Are There Rewards for Discipleship? Matt. 19:27-29.
June 6. How Can I Do God's Will? John 6:28-29.
Sun., June 7. Topic—Dear Miss Ineeda Answer. Eccl. 12:1-4; Eph. 5:1-11.

Am I 100 Per Cent Honest?

First Topic in a Series on "Christian Attitudes"
Psalm 15: 1-5; Colossians 3: 9, 10; Philippians 4: 8, 9

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the first of a series of three on "Christian Attitudes." All three deal with practices or habits to which every one may fall prey if he is not on guard against them. As leader of this meeting do your best to show the members the importance of being 100 per cent honest, that all people may depend on their word.

Try to plan something "special" about this meeting, either in the way it is conducted, or the set-up of the room itself. Perhaps a meaningful illustration could be brought out by the use of a child's toy lie-detector. Or bring the illustration of the type used by police. Show that if a machine can tell a lie from the truth certainly God knows when we are entirely honest and when we are not.

Aim of The Topic:

To emphasize the importance of the "common fib," as well as the "big lie."

The Common Fib

Webster defines a fib as being a falsehood in regard to trivial matters; whereas, a lie is a falsehood meant to deliberately deceive another. In other words, both deceive, but one is planned to do so, the other just does without thought. One is as bad as the other then since both have the same result.

One common use of the fib is when one is asked a direct question and indirectly avoids an answer. In doing this he is deceiving by leaving a false impression.

Young people often discourage "unnecessary chatter" (as they term it) of their parents, teachers, and friends by agreeing to something they haven't actually listened to, or by saying yes to a promise they have no thought of keeping. They fail to remember that someone is depending on their word. Acknowledging the requests of a parent to be home at a designated time or of a teacher to have an assignment completed or of a pastor to be regular in church attendance or of God to be faithful to His pattern of Christian living, is a promise or agreement. To break any of these is not being honest.

Let us pause briefly to consider the Christian Endeavor pledge. Have you signed it? If so, you made a promise. If you are not striving to keep it in every respect you are not being 100 per cent honest.

A SEED THOUGHT

"A lie has no feet, and therefore cannot stand but it has strong wings and can fly far and wide."

Is Tact To Blame?

Because one tries to be tactful, does he lose his honesty? Tact implies delicate awareness of what is fit, graceful, or considerate. When one tries too conscientiously to be tactful he must be careful that he is also honest. Flattery might be tact but not necessarily truth. When the truth is twisted in order to be tactful one is not 100 per cent honest.

Why Lie?

Lies are told rather than truth for many reasons. If one feels he can brag a little bit more by exaggerating the truth and proceeds to do so he at once begins to lie. In telling a tale of woe to a friend or in criticizing another it's possible that one either twists the meaning of the conversation or entwines the conversationalists with the conversation. This may be done merely to leave a better impression of one's self, but at the expense of lying. Lies are frequently spoken in order to give a better opinion of the speaker than is deserved. It is hard to realize that some tell falsehoods purposely to get another into trouble, but it is done. It is more evil for one to tell a lie that condemns another than one that praises himself. Gossip usually finds itself in the midst of lies and should be avoided by those who wish to be truthful.

One who tries to save himself embarrassment usually resorts to lying. When one has done a wrong deed, but doesn't want it to be known, he sometimes prevaricates to get out of it. Sometimes the lie is worse than the wrong deed. After one falsehood is told to cover up an error, it seems necessary to tell another to cover up the first, then another, and another. Some lie because of emotional or psychological unbalance in much the same way as the kleptomaniac who steals without any motive. He does not even realize it, so of course, would deny it. Lying eventually becomes a habit with anyone who makes a regular practice of it.

When Do You Feel The Worst?

When a lie has been told one of two things happen as a result of it. Either the teller "gets away with it" or is "found out." If he gets away with it he feels good to know he has fooled someone and has been successful in his plan. Yet it can do more harm to that individual if he is encouraged to try it again. It leaves a guilty conscience and that is a most unhealthy condition. There isn't satisfaction until the truth is told and everything is straightened out. The truth would have been better to start with.

If one is found out it is most embarrassing but it gives a jolt that might correct the thought of lying again. It proves anew t even the most plausible untruth has a v of being found out.

Scripture Lessons

M., June 8. God's Commandment. Ex. 20
T., June 9. Casting off Slander and Dec Psalm 101:
W., June 10. Lord Delighted by Truthful- ness. Prov. 12:17
T., June 11. Treasures Won by Dishones Are Vain. Prov. 21:
F., June 12. Reasons for Honesty Eph. 4:21
S., June 13. Part of Our Christian Armo Eph. 6:10
Sun., June 14. Topic—Am I 100 Per Cent Honest? Col. 3:9, 10; Phil. 4:8

The Golden Rule

The ever familiar Golden Rule teacl "—as ye would that men should do to y do ye also to them likewise." Everyone li people that are honest with them and th they can depend upon. In following thought of the Golden Rule, in order to serve honesty from others, first be 100 cent honest with others.

Examine Yourself

Having given much consideration as how "others" fib, lie, or are not honest, r look at yourself. Where have you failed be your best? Does this topic deal with as well as with others?

In tonight's Scripture taken from Psal in answer to the question of who is God-l it is said, "He that speaketh the truth," doeth evil to his neighbor."

In Colossians, instruction is given t those who are Christian, made in God's age, are new creatures in Christ. Having off the old man they are not to lie to one other.

Peace is promised in Philippians to th who have truthfulness along with ot named virtues.

DISCUSS FURTHER

1. Explain the difference "alikeness" in a big lie and a cor mon fib.

2. Which is worse? Why?

3. List some promises you ha made that you must be careful n to break.

4. Is flattery wrong? Give reaso for your answer.

5. Why does one lie? Name t reasons.

6. If you tell a lie would you rat er "get away with it" or "be fou out"? Which is better for you?

7. In what ways do young peop today need to exercise caution they will not be accused of bei less than 100 per cent honest?

8. Can you name some ways which you have been fibbing th you did not realize was really bei dishonest?

Mark That Date

Second Topic in a Series on "Our Friends"
Genesis 29:15-20; Psalm 124

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To see the connection of play and religion.
2. To sense the responsibility of the church to provide for a wholesome social life.
3. To lay foundations for next week's topic on dating.

Play Yesterday

"We prohibit play in the strongest terms. The student shall be indulged in nothing which the world calls play. Let this rule be observed to the strictest necessity; for those who play when they are young, will play when they are old."

This rule was published by a denominational school just fifty years ago. It indicates the attitude of the generation to which our grandfathers belonged. In fact our grandfathers were not strongly in favor of play. It was a pioneering period when there was little time for recreation. Since the era of the Greeks, it is only in our day that play has come into widespread favor. Most of the textbooks on education or psychology may be dated by the recognition of the importance of play. The same is true of church programs. It is very recently that play really has been accepted as one of the universal expressions of the human race like religion.

The Church and Recreation

Dr. Cabot in his book, "What Men Live By," states that there are four essentials in our life-work, play, love, worship. We have long been told that the church must temper all phases of life. If such is true, then it is exceedingly important that the church consider the importance of guiding the play-life of its constituency.

The Protestant Church is a religious, social and educational institution. It holds that since leisure of people is a social matter, it must increasingly direct the play-life of its members into channels that will make for better citizens. It does this fully realizing that play has both educational and religious consequences.

The church is interested in recreation today because of its vital connection with the religious life. Recreation, like religion, is one of the universal expressions of the human race. Play is the expression of inner desires and impulses.

Jane Addams said, "Recreation is something holy." Jesus said to his disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." For there were many coming and going and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

The radiant Christians we know today are those who also see and know this side of Jesus' life. Today we say that an earnest person may be full of fun. A man afire with religion takes time for play.

Ask Your Group These Questions

1. What qualities of Christian Character are built through recreation?
(Courage, creativity, dependability, goodwill and sportsmanship, honesty, obedience, humility, cooperation)

2. What are the values of recreation?
a. It brings a joyous element into the "abundant life" of Christian living.
b. It develops mental life through keen attention and alert decisions.
c. It promotes proper physical growth.
d. It strengthens the moral and religious life.
e. It develops and stimulates social expressions of life.

3. What dangers are in recreation?
a. Excessive indulgence.
b. Lack of high standards.
c. Commercialization and professionalism.

Here Are Seven Tests

Seven Tests of a Recreation Program:
1. Is it fun?
2. Does it provide sociability?
3. Does it provide for individual differences?
4. Does it give a chance to increase skills?
5. Does it provide both new and old play forms?
6. Does it provide for both active and quiet play forms?
7. Does it have any value beyond the present minute?

The Church's Problem

Today church members are asking "How should we, as Christians in the twentieth century; express ourselves in play?" No stand-pat answer can be given to this question. We have to go through concentrated efforts in a process of individual and group thinking to work out the answer to this question. It is imperative that we do this for we Americans have not yet developed a well-defined philosophy of play.

One of the first essentials of a youth program of recreation should be the development of a philosophy of Recreation. Recreation is not to be "bait" to help fill the pews and pay bills. It is an end in itself like worship or reading. Play is a legitimate experience in life. It will help form character, combat evil and make life more abundant. Incidentally, it should stimulate and maintain church loyalty.

From The Book of Books

M., June 8. Unselfish Love. Rom. 12:9, 10.
T., June 9. Watch Your Influence. I Cor. 8:9-13.
W., June 10. Practice the Golden Rule. Luke 6:31.
T., June 11. Worshipping Together. Psalm 55:14.
F., June 12. True Love Is Of God. I John 4:7-11.
S., June 13. Christian Friendships. John 15:9-17.
Sun., June 14. Topic—Mark That Date. Gen. 29:15-20; Psalm 124.

The Bible Viewpoint

We—not the world—know what true recreation is. We can enjoy wholesome fun without a drop of what the worldling thinks is necessary entertainment. No need for us to sin in order to have a good time!

1. Through faith in Christ we can defeat temptations to worldliness (I Cor. 10:13; I John 5:4).
2. We find genuine joy in fellowship with God (Ps. 16:11), in His service (Isa. 65:14), and in fellowship with other believers (I John 1:3, 4).
3. We have an inner well of good cheer which is entirely unknown by the restless thrill-thirsty worldling. As Solomon said, "A merry *heart* doeth good like medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Let's get together frequently. Let's laugh and play. Let's make our recreation wholesome, Christian and refreshing.

We should bring our friends to church. Make a date for church events. Your date must respect your standards.

Your Date and You

1. Share your serious thoughts as well as your fun, and help each other with high ideals.
2. Take an interest in each other's work or studies.
3. Seek wholesome recreation and avoid that which is merely exciting or highly commercialized.
4. Plan your good times carefully and seek the company of the serious minded and capable.
5. Be considerate of each other in plans and behavior.
6. Treasure your special gifts and develop them.
7. Avoid extravagance and pretense. Use money wisely and considerately.
8. Be sincere and straightforward.
9. Surround yourself with good friends and good influence; such as homes, churches, and educational groups.
10. Think of the friendships of youth as preparation for building a new world in harmony with the Christian ideal of life.

Questions

1. How often should Junior Highs go out on dates?
2. Where can Christian youth go on dates?
3. Should you date a person who is several years older than yourself?
4. What about "pick-up dates"?
5. What about "blind dates"?
6. How much money should be spent on dates?
7. What can your Christian Endeavor do for a satisfactory social program for youth?

It Doesn't Belong To Me

Second Topic in a Series on "Christian Attitudes"
Ephesians 2: 19-22; Hebrew 12: 1, 2

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Continuing the series "Christian Attitudes," we today look at the fault found in so many—lack of respect. In last week's lesson we learned that God expects us to be honest. Today we find we must show respect for the property and rights of others. Next week we discuss gambling. All point to the Christian attitude.

After studying this topic decide which phase of disrespect seems to be characteristic of your circle or gang and attempt to illustrate it unexpectedly. For instance, small children often use the excuse "He wasn't using it when I found it," therefore, they feel justified in capturing another's toy. In such a case, watch for a Bible, pencil, billfold, or some similar article to be lying around before the start of the meeting. Try to prove yourself in the right to illustrate the wrong.

Aim of The Topic

To teach respect to a generation which so badly needs such a lesson.

"Have You Seen By The Paper?—"

Anyone who has even glanced at a newspaper has seen write-up after write-up and picture after picture of vandalism and misuse of public property. Outstanding and revered statues have been marked or broken by vicious hands. Useful public or educational buildings have had windows broken and other damage done by those with "get even" minds. Churches have been ransacked, having rugs stained with ink, candle wax melted on radiators, books and pew cushions slashed by vandals. All this shows crudely the lack of respect for public property.

Forever Borrowing

Many people, young and old, have the bad habit of constantly borrowing. The idea of borrowing isn't necessarily bad and can even be very helpful. It's only when one fails to pay back or else borrows without permission that harm can be done. Some folks just never intend to pay back the paper, pencils, sugar, butter, coffee, tools, skates, fishing rod, or whatever they happen to borrow. They eventually become the losers, when their friends refuse to loan anything. Others will borrow without permission. If they see something they need lying around not being used at the moment they help themselves, intending to return it later. Many friendships have been broken as respect for the property of others has not been shown. Because one sees a friend's bicycle in sight, and the friend away, gives no permission for use. But advantage is frequently taken.

"Finders Keepers"

Because one finds something, but with no owner connected, it does not become his possession. If one finds a billfold, an article of clothing, or a stray animal, it does not belong to him, unless he makes an attempt to locate the owner and is told by authorities to keep it.

Respect of Property

How often we see public property such as walls, school books, hymn books, desks, etc., written in or carved with initials or disagreeable words. School buses or public buses have seats slashed with knives, flowers in public parks are trampled upon or picked, trees are carved on, or their branches broken, all by selfish agents of destruction. Other people's property whether it belongs to an individual or a group should be handled with care. Better treatment should be given than if it were one's own.

Respect of People

This topic would not be complete when speaking of respect, if respect for people were not brought in. It has been said by many, and how true it appears to be, that the present generation is the most disrespectful one ever. It is pitiful and shocking to see the way some young people speak to and speak of adults. Teachers, pastors and parents are often treated as just "one of the kids." In this day, young people feel that adults have no authority to direct them or suggest ways of better behavior. Even gray hair formerly seemed to demand respect on sight, but not today. It is hard to understand whether this sad situation is the fault of adults or of the youth themselves. Christian young people must be aware of this fault and criticism and do all they can to change this attitude within themselves.

Petty Thefts

It is a common practice for store owners to be on guard when school children swarm in. So often young people attempt to take some little thing that they feel they can't afford to buy. The article taken might be small and insignificant but the experience is lasting. When one "gets away with somethin he is tempted to try again. Such luck cann continue long. Taking small things leads taking bigger and better things. Sometim when a young person admires a possessi of another he is tempted to take it when t opportunity makes it possible. Occasiona this happens within families. Some yout are known to steal cigarettes, soft drin supplies, etc., and sell it to make mone This is a form of bootlegging. The major of those now serving prison terms for th began in youth. It is the duty of all not tempt those who are weak but to help the to better paths.

Self-Respect

One cannot expect to have self-respect u less he practices respect for others and th property. The one who continuously b rows never intending to return or pay ba is not admired or even endured very lo One who is known to damage the prope or reputation of others is soon condemn and "marked." Self-respect is felt accordi to one's own practices. It is one of the fr of Christian living, one of the blessings good character.

Quiet Hour Readings

M., June 15. Commandments Concerning Things of Others. Ex. 20:15, 17.
T., June 16. Earning and Sharing. Eph. 4:28.
W., June 17. A Pattern of Good Works. Titus 2:7-14.
T., June 18. Possessions Do Not Give Life. Luke 12:13-21.
F., June 19. Selfishness Brings Judgment. Ezek. 34:18-24.
S., June 20. Selfishness Brings Sorrow. I Tim. 6:6-10.
Sun., June 21. Topic—It Doesn't Belong to Me. Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:1-2.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Applied Christianity is no applied Christianity until it i applied."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What practice mentioned in thi topic showing lack of respect affect youth the most?
2. What is wrong with borrowing
3. Do you approve of the prac tice of the old saying "Finder Keepers?"
4. What can be done about van dalism?
(A) What can other youth d about it?
(B) What punishment should b given to offenders?
5. Do you think the modern gen eration is really disrespectful t adults?
6. Is it the fault of youth or adults
7. What can be done to help cor rect this situation?
8. Should every one steal just onc for the experience? Is this a goo or bad practice?
9. Should one be concerned wit self-respect? Give reasons.
10. What should be done to thos who "mark up" the property in pub lic places?
11. How can we show greater re spect for the reputation or characte of others?

Would You Marry ME?

Third Topic in a Series on "Our Friends"
Genesis 24:61-67; Judges 14:1,2,7

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To take a straight look at boy-girl friendships.
2. To see what dating with Christian youth may mean.
3. To put Christ in the center of friendship.

An Interesting Fact

Dating is a privilege and experience which belongs primarily to the youth in America. In most communities it starts when a girl is twelve to fifteen and when the boy is fourteen to sixteen. It should be a normal part of growing up.

Intelligent boys and girls rarely look upon early dating as courtship for marriage. They think of it rather as a means of developing social skill in group behavior, enjoying each others' company, and improving their knowledge of the other sex.

Socially-wise youth seek to date those whose ideals and interests are similar to their own. Often they invite desirable young people into their homes where they have an opportunity to practice hospitality. Informal dates at home are excellent ways of learning to get along with other people.

Smart young people also attend social gatherings in the church and community. They take advantage of summer camps for building a wide range of friendships among other young people who also are interested in the finer things of life. Social group activities always provide opportunities for growth and personal development.

Give Yourself a Chance

Every young person should give himself a fair chance in dating.

First of all he should acquire the art of being as attractive as possible. Neatness and good grooming enhance one's appearance. Good manners and conversational ability likewise indicate good breeding and add to one's attractiveness.

A good conversationalist is one who pays attention to what is being said, responds in an interesting manner, and is well-informed and skilled in the use of language.

It is important for a young person to know how to introduce friends properly, greet persons cordially, and say goodbye graciously. In dating, agreeable and likable young persons observe the best etiquette in social relations. Their dates are free from jealousy, possessiveness, flirting and egotistical behavior.

Help From The Bible

June 15. One Flesh. Gen. 2:18, 21-24.
June 16. The Law of Marriage. Rom. 7:2,3.
June 17. Marriage Is Sacred. Heb. 13:4.
June 18. A Good Example. I Tim. 3:8-12.
June 19 "Till Death Us Do Part." Mark 10:6-9.
June 20. "Not Unequally Yoked Together." II Cor. 6:14,15.
Sun., June 21. Topic—Would You Marry Me? Gen. 24:61-67; Judges 14:1, 2, 7.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. At what age should you start dating?
2. Can a girl ask a boy for a date?
3. How can you let your date know when you like him, or her?
4. What about a good-night kiss on the first date?
5. How can you tactfully bring a date to a close?
6. Discuss these statements:
   a. Since parents know what's best for you, they should pick your mate.
   b. Opposites attract — and make for a more interesting marriage.
   c. The way to tell what kind of a wife she'll be is to look at her mother.
   d. Folks just naturally marry their kind.
   e. Girls, marry your man and reform him later!
   f. When you're in the mood for love is the best time to pick your mate.

A sense of humor, wide and diversified interests, and a genuine liking for group activities will always make any young person popular in dating.

A Good Date

"That's what I call a good date." We perked up our ears as Bob continued his conversation while he divested himself of tie and shirt. The most natural thing for us was to ask, "Why do you say that?"

As conversation drifted by, we caught an inkling of the reason, and by the time we were through, we had a pretty good idea. He couldn't put his finger on it himself but a hint dropped out unconsciously each time he told us a little more. You see, his date wasn't the prettiest girl in the school and she didn't have the finest clothes, nor was she well-known for the offices she rated. She was an ordinary girl and yet not so ordinary as this sounds.

At Bob's suggestion he and his date had gone to the local basketball game. They had a chocolate sundae (with nuts) at the sweet shoppe where everybody liked to come. Then they walked on home and on the way he told her what he wanted to do for a profession and why he had so decided. They compared classes for the next semester and before they had gotten past the third period they were home. Time certainly had flown. They thanked each other, said good night, and now here he was talking to me.

We had an idea why it had been a good date. She was interested in him. She acted so friendly that he felt relaxed and at home with her. They had fun as they talked about professions and their families and their different geographic backgrounds. They both learned something new. They came to know each other a lot better in clean, wholesome atmosphere.

"Somehow," Bob said, "she makes me want to be the best sort of a person I can be. She's different from a lot of the others. She's really all right." No wonder he called this a good date.

Biblical Patterns

In Biblical days courtship often took a long time. Take Jacob, for instance. He loved Rachel and served her father, Laban, for seven years to win her. When that time was up Jacob was given Leah, Laban's older daughter. So Jacob served another seven years for Rachel, the one he loved, "and they seemed unto him but a few days for the love he had for her."

Use This Film

Use of the film, "Dating: Dos and Don'ts," will be very helpful. If you can use the film the discussion will follow easily. Ask such questions as:

1. Was it a good date? Would you have liked it? Why?
2. Was Ann a good choice for a date? Why?
3. What is a good way to ask for a date? What is a good way to accept an invitation?
4. Ann wanted a good time but did not want Wardy to spend much money. Is this what you like?
5. Should a boy be on time for a date? Should girls be ready?
6. Did Wardy's parents approve of this date? How did you know?
7. How did Ann and Wardy show that their parents could trust them on a date?
8. On such a date, how should the fellow and girl say "good-night"?

Plan Wisely

Young people who plan their lives wisely have adopted some of the following ways of behavior:

1. They think realistically and balance the past, present, and future in proper perspective.
2. They see themselves as part of a larger whole and cooperate willingly with others and with God in the creation of a better world.
3. They are willing to take advice and profit from experience.
4. They set up goals within their reach and work to attain them.
5. They develop ability to make their own decisions and assume responsibility for their mistakes.
6. They control their behavior on the basis of principle rather than pleasure or pain and frequently subordinate immediate satisfactions in favor of more distant goals.

Helpful Booklets

"Making and Keeping Friends" and "Dating Days" are unusual pieces of research and writing. They are 40c each from Science Research Associates, Inc., 57 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

In Gambling Who Wins?

Third Topic in a Series on "Christian Attitudes"
I Corinthians 10: 24; II Thessalonians 3: 6-12

Comments by Earle W. Gates

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The topic today concludes a series that have pointed out some very practical problems. These are matters of every-day living and stem directly from our Christian faith. Assuredly every Christian Endeavorer should be a good example in these matters of love and courtship, of honesty and truthfulness, of respect for the rights and property of others. Now today we come to a tremendous problem in modern life, that of gambling. The topic itself is "In Gambling, Who Wins?" The answer is simple, no one does. But it's up to the leader to point this out and prove it. It becomes his responsibility to point up its evils and dangers, to warn the society members of its insidious threat. It is contrary to the very principle of Christianity. It will be helpful if the leader can become somewhat acquainted with various types of gambling in our contemporary life and to be aware of those that particularly attract young people. Clip out articles pertaining to gambling in the daily press and exhibit them. It will be amazing how many gambling situations are revealed. Gather materials that will be helpful to your group. Many are available. Think about problems and tragedies caused by gambling, of which you know, and use them as illustrations in the meeting. The leader's task is to turn his associates away from this personal and social evil.

Aim of The Topic

To point out the danger of gambling, however attractive it may appear, and the solution to it.

Something for Nothing

This in a nutshell is the principle involved in gambling, whatever the form may be. It is perhaps an inner human desire to attain things of value without great effort but when it reaches the stage of gambling it becomes a wrong. "Something for nothing" is the hope and faith of the gambler (and it is surely devoid of any charity!). This principle is at the opposite pole from sound Christian beliefs and practices. The Christian intends to give full value for what he gets. This is just as honest as his expectation that he will receive fair measure in all his dealings. Why should one person expect to get more than he gives, to receive benefit for himself at the cost of another? This is unfair to the other person and is unfair even to the winner. It gives him the wrong slant on life. A few experiences of gaining from the loss or suffering of another person may be enough to start a fellow off on a whole wrong philosophy of life. It may well be the beginning of a trail leading to personal regret and tragedy. The Christian does not seek enrichment at unfair cost to others. We serve a Christ Who said, "I am come not to be ministered unto, but to minister; to give." We, too, live lives of sacrifice and giving if we be Christian. The Christian does not depend on "luck" or worship "chance." God provides for His own in a much more positive and dependable way.

A SEED THOUGHT
"Gambling is the best way to get nothing for something."

Live and Let Live

Not only does the Christian refrain from living at the expense of others but he has a philosophy, coming from an abiding trust in God, that his life is to be one of blessing to others. The servant is not better than his Lord!

Christian living gains from the very things a game of chance denies. Remember that our Lord has taught that we who are strong should AID the weak, not prey on them. We are to give our abilities and share our possessions generously with others. It is our commission to give full measure and to go the second mile. How contrary this is to the philosophy of the small-time gambler or of the "big operator" who believes that "What's yours is mine!" Only a "tin horn sport" wants to live on the suffering and inconvenience of others.

What Is Gambling?

It is quite easy to recognize the major forms of gambling and it might be well for the society members to name them, in order that there be no uncertainty about them. Discuss together the forms of card-playing, the use of dice, horse-racing, dog-racing, cock-fights, betting on athletic events, bingo and other games of chance, etc. How many others can you name? What about "side-bets" on various activities? Name some forms of gambling here. Some people have regular contests on which way a group of frogs will jump, for example. What about "pools," matching pennies, betting on various "little" things; are these gambling? Work out together a complete definition of gambling. Then list all the activities or habits that come under this description.

We cannot emphasize enough the grim truth that any gambling, even in a small way, definitely contributes to the large-scale operations that are a blight on American life today. Criminal gangs and syndic operate for the purpose of preying u the "suckers" who patronize their activi There is a dangerous trend toward g bling as a whole accepted way of life. Seri proposals are made almost daily to "legal lotteries, bingo, racing and many other fo for public profit. That which is basic wrong can never be "legalized" truly. E Christian should fight this trend. It part of the "get something for nothi attitude that prevails in many places in nation today. It is a blight upon individ character and upon our civilization as as being a threat to our very nation. help the nation or state, the community church, the home or life, that has to re to gambling for its support or its am ment!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

1. Define "gambling."
2. Name as many forms of gam bling as possible.
3. How is gambling contrary Christian principles and teaching?
4. What does it do to one's cha acter and habits?
5. Can the church ever lend itse to forms of gambling? Yet does i in any way, today?
6. What can the church do abou this modern social problem? Th Christian Endeavor society?
7. What can any sincere your Christian do about the gamblin menace? How can he help others?
8. Compare what we "win" by n gambling with what might be wo by it.

"The Winnah!"

These are welcome words for the one has completed and won. In the matte gambling, who is the winner? Most tainly he is the one who has kept away f it. It is an old adage to "quit while yo ahead." Well then the time to quit is fore you begin or as soon as you rea that someone is unfairly benefitting f your personal toil and energy or vice ve Different from most other human ac ties, in gambling it's the quitter who is winner.

For Daily Devotions

M., June 22. Revenues From Unrighteou ness. Prov.
T., June 23. A Good Sport. Prov. 26:18
W., June 24. Taking from the Poor. Amos 5:1
T., June 25. The Golden Rule. Luke
F., June 26. Members of One Body. I Cor. 12:12-20, 26
S., June 27. Responsible to God. I Peter 4:
Sun., June 28. Topic—In Gambling—Who Wins? 1 Cor. 10:24; II Thess. 3:

Knowing Helpful Mature Friends

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Our Friends"
I Samuel 3:1-10; II Timothy 1:1-11

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ur Goals

1. To discover the joy of friendship ith those who have gone our way rlier.
2. To select personal ideals that ape our choices.
3. To share experiences that help us ow.

e Need Friends

Throughout this month we have been dis- ssing friendship. Friendship! What a pal- tating, life-giving word it is! What could do without friendship, without friends? e are not solitary animals; we must have ner people around us with whom we can llowship, with whom we can share the arest and the best we know.

Very often such friendship is not creative. iendship is a mutual fellowship between o or more people. It becomes creative ten all people in the group and others out it become better mentally, physically, so- lly, and spiritually because of it.

e Need Creative Friends

How can we be creative friends? We must gin in our homes with our parents, broth- , and sisters. Is our home better because all that we are and do? Is the burden hter for our parents and the larger life re contagious and alluring to our brothers l sisters because of our appreciation, at- ides, and habits?

So many young people these days find lt with their homes, criticize their parents never do anything to make their homes ter. No one is a creative friend until he nat in his home. This is perhaps the most portant place to start practicing the lden Rule of doing for others.

e Kind of Mature Friends eded

We need men and women who know that th needs to achieve a new technique of ndship; that boys and girls are slaves he tug of the lesser life in their quest for at they call "freedom"! We need men and nen who know that the economic order not remain as it is; that we must work a more decent day when the profit ive shall sink and the service motive ll rise into the ascendency; that a nar- nationalism will not do; that patriot- is not enough; that we were children of Father before we were Americans; that must exalt in vital Christianity the spirit Jesus, making the Gospel compelling to generation.

e Kind of Friend Jesus Was

sus was certainly a creative friend. He le friends on the basis of helping others usually with little concern of His own rest in mind. Just as He came "not to ministered unto but to minister," He ed to have cared more about befriend-

Scripture Rations

M., June 22. Older Men's Good Counsel Rejected. I Kings 12:6-8.
T., June 23. David and Saul. I Sam. 16:21-23.
W., June 24. Barnabas, Saul, and Young John Mark. Acts 12:24, 25.
T., June 25. Paul and Titus. Titus 1:1-4.
F. June 26. Paul and Onesimus. Philemon 10-19.
S., June 27. Young and Old Exhorted Titus 2:1-6.
Sun., June 28. Topic—Knowing Helpful Mature Friends. I Sam. 3:1-10; II Tim. 1:1-11.

ing people. He helped all classes and all groups. Jesus had the courage to break right through the social conventions and make friends as He pleased. The Pharisees felt it and became very bitter. They said scornfully and yet with surprise: "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Why was Jesus so reckless as it were, socially? Why was it that He seemed to be so little concerned about being popular with the so-called "high-class crowd"? In his day, more than in ours, when a man was friendly with common folk, everybody who was anybody socially looked down on Him.

Yet Jesus saw that there was much good in these people to which He might appeal and He made friends with them. He talked, lived, and communed with them and through it they became better and He happier. Some of them even became the very foundation stones of the church. Jesus was not surprised at all that men suffered but at how much they missed; hence He became a creative friend, bringing a more full and vivid kind of life, rich, abundant, eternal.

What Is Required of Us

As we grow up and meet adult viewpoints we must reckon with changes in our own life. But if we are to avoid the painful "squeezes" in this change, it will require some serious thought and study. It will take what some of our leaders call *emotional maturity*. This is a willingness to accept responsibility for the results of our decisions and the way they affect our relationships with other people. Not even all adults reach this kind of maturity. But it's worth striving for. The really wise people tell us that it's the real secret of happy living. As you honor other people with your friendship and they honor you there is a mutual blessing.

The name of Lincoln is remembered because a son named Abraham brought honor to his parents.

A girl named Jane by a father and mother made the name Addams loved and respected by thousands.

Can you think of famous friendships either in history or literature? What qualities made these friendships endure?

David and Jonathan.
Ruth and Naomi.
Paul and Timothy.
Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning.
Helen Keller and her companion teacher, Anne Sullivan.

CONCERNING FRIENDSHIP

1. How do you rate yourself on friendships with more mature people?
2. Does your family have a Family Council wherein each can share his opinions and the group comes to a common understanding and point of view?
3. Why do not young people share more often with adults?
4. Why do adults forget to share their ideals and thoughts with youth?
5. What is the finest way for youth and adults to share together?
6. Is church work a mutual sharing of youth and adults? Why?
7. How does worship strengthen friendship ties?
8. Describe a friendship with a pastor or camp counselor that was meaningful to you.

Ideas to Mull Over

Outgoing affection and a sensitive awareness of others' needs and likes brings enjoyable satisfactions.

The happiest life springs from loving and being loved.

There must be time for friends to be apart. Then being together will mean more.

A practice of expressing difference is wholesome and lots of fun, if entered into with open eyes and cooled tongue.

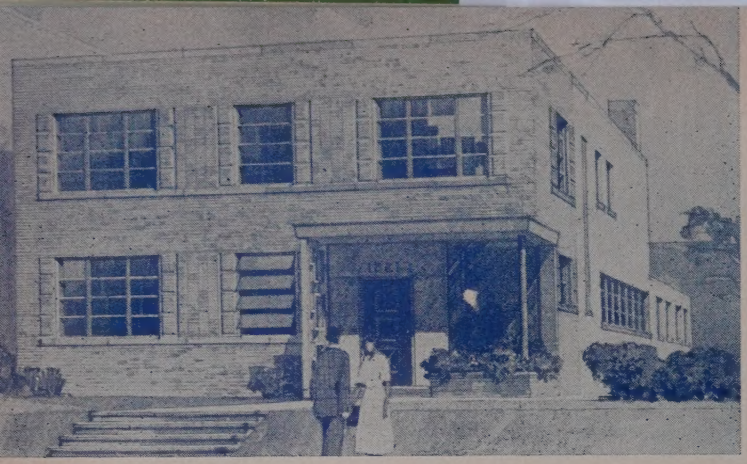
Mutual endeavor in some hobby or church work brings adventure and joy.

Sharing Hobbies

Sharing hobbies with an older person is one of the happiest contacts and ways to learn. If John likes woodcraft and there is an adult who can help him fix his work bench and get needed tools, suggest patterns he can make, and show him skills, John is going to develop his hobby much faster than without such guidance.

If Mary keeps a scrapbook of poems and pictures, often older friends will save pictures and poems for her. One Christian Endeavor society asks the whole church to share in a Hobby Night with exhibits and various people describing their hobbies. Out of this has grown friendships between adults and youth interested in the same hobbies. Could your Christian Endeavor try this?

The most valuable sharing between adults and youth is in worship. A friendship with a pastor and his wife, with an adult counselor, or other leader, possibly a Sunday school teacher, is one of the most profitable of friendships. There may be moments when chats together may make it natural to turn to prayer. In singing hymns or in Bible reading come moments of rare inspiration. Spiritual bonds are the strongest in all the world. We who know Christ ought to encourage friendships that strengthen such bonds.



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